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SUBJECT: LOS: MALAYSIA AND THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

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1. MINISTER OF LAW HAMZAH ABU SAMAH RETURNED TO KUALA LUMPUR FROM UNCLOS ON SEPT 9. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN HAMZAH REITERATED THAT THE GOM WOULD SOON ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ). HE ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT MALAYSIA HAD MADE IT CLEAR AT UNCLOS THAT COASTAL STATES HAD SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER THE RESOURCES OF THE EEZ, I.E., ACCESS BY OTHER STATES TO THE EEZ WOULD HAVE TO BE REGULATED BY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. HAMZAH SAID THAT A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAD BEEN SET UP IN HIS MINISTRY TO STUDY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE EEZ SO THAT "WHEN MALAYSIA EXERCISED HER RIGHTS IN
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THE ZONE, SHE WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE PRACTICE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW."

2. AN MFA OFFICIAL DEALING WITH LOS AFFAIRS INFORMED THE EMBASSY SEPT 11 THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE MALAYSIAN LOS DELEGATION PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK SEPT 18-20 TO MEET WITH RELEVANT

USG OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS POLITICAL AND LEGAL PROBLEMS
RELATED TO MALAYSIA'S PROPOSED EEZ. THE GROUP
TRAVELLING TO WASHINGTON WILL INCLUDE: S.A.L.
MOHD. HASHIM, SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, D.PATHAN SALLEH, OF THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, N. PARAMESWARAN OF MFA,
GULAMOYDEEN BIN MOHD. HANIFFA, MINISTRY OF LAW, AND
POSSIBLY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY.
THE SAME GROUP IS ALSO VISITING OTTAWA TO DISCUSS
THE EEZ WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS. THE MFA OFFICIAL
TOLDUS THAT THE MALAYSIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
WILL HANDLE THE DETAILS OF THE GROUP'S STAY THERE.
HE WAS INFORMING US OF THE TRIP FOR OUR INFORMATION
ONLY.
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